

**Page Denied**

TOP SECRET

25X1

25X1

30 NOV 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
FROM: [REDACTED] 25X1  
Acting Director of Global Issues  
SUBJECT: Terrorist Threat to Western Interests in Lebanon

1. Action. Forward to the Long Commission.
2. Background. The attached memorandum was prepared in response to your request for an assessment of the terrorist threat to Western interests in Lebanon to be provided to the Long Commission. It has been coordinated with the Office of Near East and South Asian Analysis, the International Affairs Division of the DDO, and Graham Fuller, NIO/NESA. The memorandum indicates that the threat to US facilities and personnel remains extremely high and could get worse if large numbers of radical Palestinians filter into Beirut once conditions in Tripoli settle down.

25X1

Attachment:

25X1

Copy 1 of 29

25X1

TOP SECRET

25X1

25X1  
25X1

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D. C. 20505

## DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE

Terrorist Threat to Western Interests in LebanonSummary

*The terrorist threat to Western interests in Lebanon remains very high. US and French Multinational Force (MNF) troops continue to be key targets at the same time that diplomatic personnel and facilities of those countries also are at great risk. We are especially concerned about signs of increased cooperation among individual Shia extremist groups, the increased filtering into Beirut of radical Palestinians returning from Tripoli, and indications [redacted] that Syria may be stepping up its support for radical Shia leaders involved in terrorist activities.*

25X1

*The most likely types of terrorist attacks to be attempted—car bombs, human "kamikaze" bombs, snipings, and kidnappings—require minimal material resources and manpower; they are, therefore, relatively easy for terrorists to execute. The environment in Beirut militates against attempts by the Lebanese authorities and security elements of the MNF to counter the threat of new terrorist violence. Beirut is an armed camp where radical Muslim and Palestinian groups that oppose the MNF presence can operate freely. The Shia in particular are prepared—even anxious—to sacrifice themselves as martyrs in terrorist operations. As for the Palestinians, we have reports of unknown reliability that they are infiltrating the refugee camps around Beirut with the express intent of using them as staging points for strikes against the MNF.*

*This memorandum was prepared by the Terrorism Analysis Branch of the DDI's Office of Global Issues and any comments or questions can be referred to the Chief, Terrorism Analysis Branch [redacted]*

25X1

25X1

TOP SECRET [redacted]

25X1  
25X1

**Page Denied**

Next 8 Page(s) In Document Denied